

City of Torrance – Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center

Title: Community Outreach/Classroom Naturalist

Location: Madrona Marsh
3201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance CA 90503

Position Overview and Impact:

The Preserve is actively bringing the Madrona Marsh Preserve to local schools and the community. The Classroom Naturalist will assist Preserve staff in designing nature-related materials for a traveling classroom, teaching modules, and nature-related crafts activities. In addition, the Classroom Naturalist may be involved in teaching activities for local schools and community groups.

Key Responsibilities:

- Procuring and setting-up materials for the traveling classroom.
- Developing learning modules for use in schools.
- Teaching “The Preserve” in K-8 classes.
- Developing and implementing programs and lab exercises to be used in outreach and nature programs. Programs might include classes on geology and biology.

Requirements:

- Experience and training in K-12 education, nature education or natural sciences.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must pass fingerprint background check.

Training & Support:

Volunteers will be given a two-hour orientation to the Preserve and Nature Center. Volunteers will shadow a Docent for 3 outreach teaching sessions. Volunteers will also shadow a Preserve lab/outreach teacher for 1-2 months.

Time Commitment:

4-10 hours per week. Some work may be done at home. Long-term commitment desired.

Benefits of Volunteering:

Volunteering as a Community Outreach/Classroom Naturalists provides excellent experience for education students. Also, volunteering in this position actively promotes the mission of the Preserve and Nature Center, which is to educate the community and promote nature in the South Bay.

Contact Person(s):

- Tracy Drake, Nature Center Manager/Naturalist (310)782-3989

Selection Process:

Apply online at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=671916624>, select Community Outreach/Classroom Naturalist as your assignment preference. Please provide specific information regarding your skills and experience in the application form.